

Searching for BSM Higgs Signals at NLO

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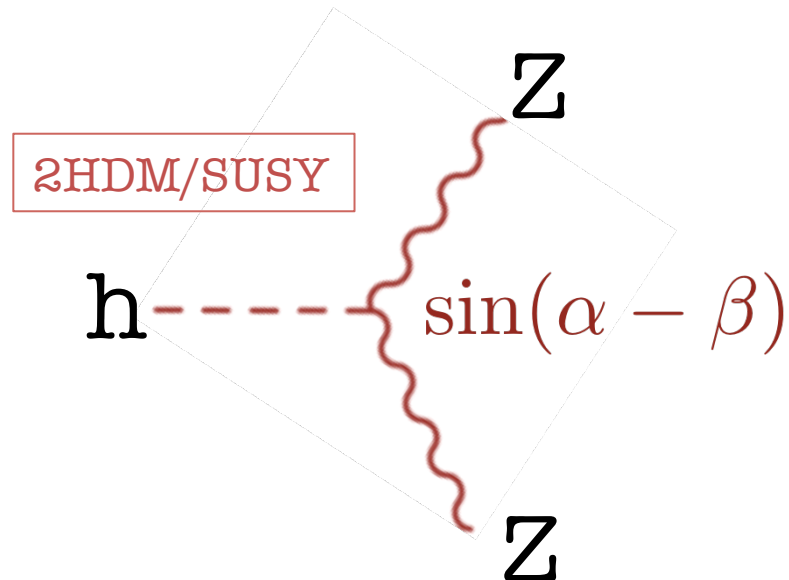
- Higgs:
 - Unique opportunity to confront fundamental questions about nature.
- Why expect new physics?
 - Hierarchy problem
 - SUSY, Composite, Extra Dim, unknown solutions to hierarchy problem?
 - Dark matter:
 - Higgs portal, new EW states?
 - It might be there and we should look!

Towards a Precision Higgs Era

- Higgs:
 - Unique opportunity to confront fundamental questions about nature.
- In practice:
 - Need to determine all properties (couplings/higher dim) as best as possible.
- What should we look for?

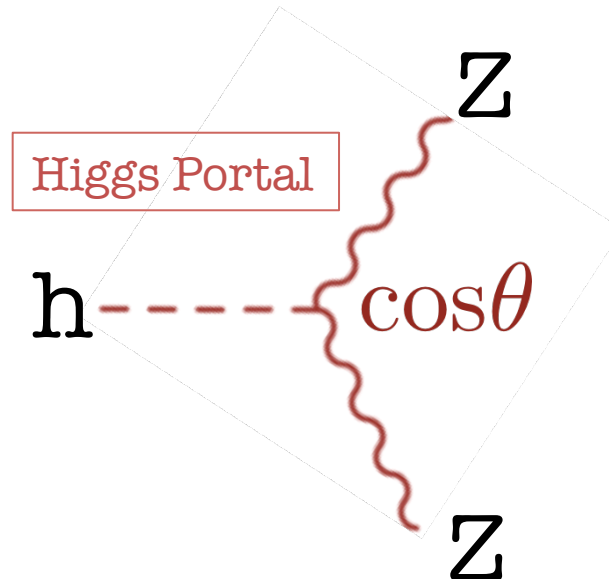
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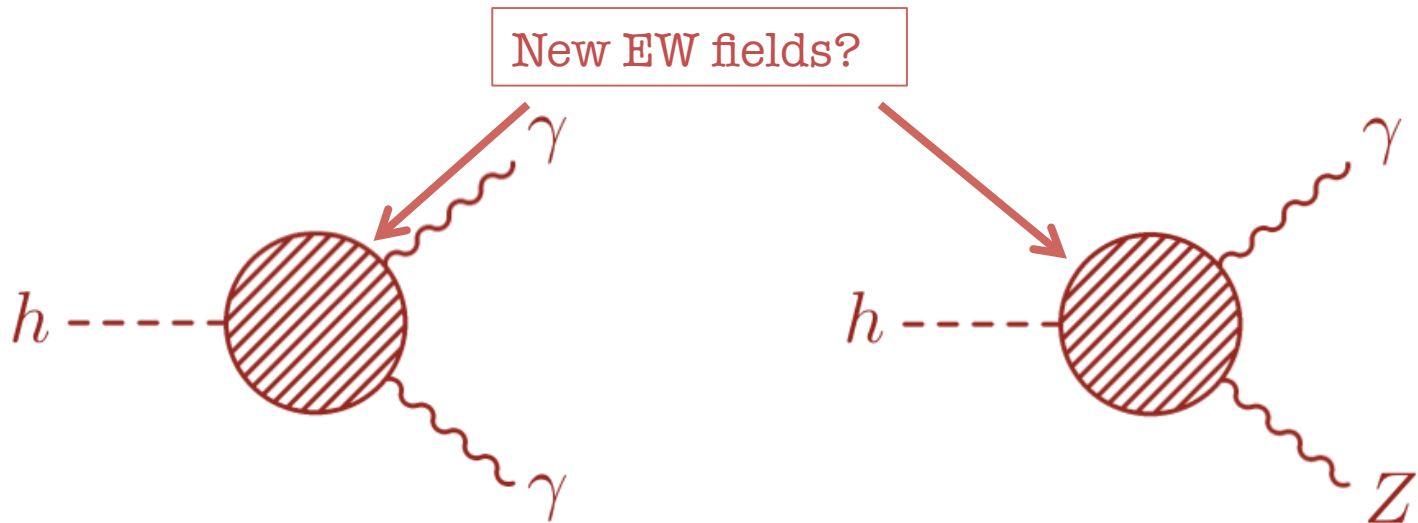


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- Tree level?
 - Only if Higgs mixed with new scalar...
 - No tree level: new fields charged under additional symmetry (Lorentz/global/gauge)
 - Only at loop level in this case!

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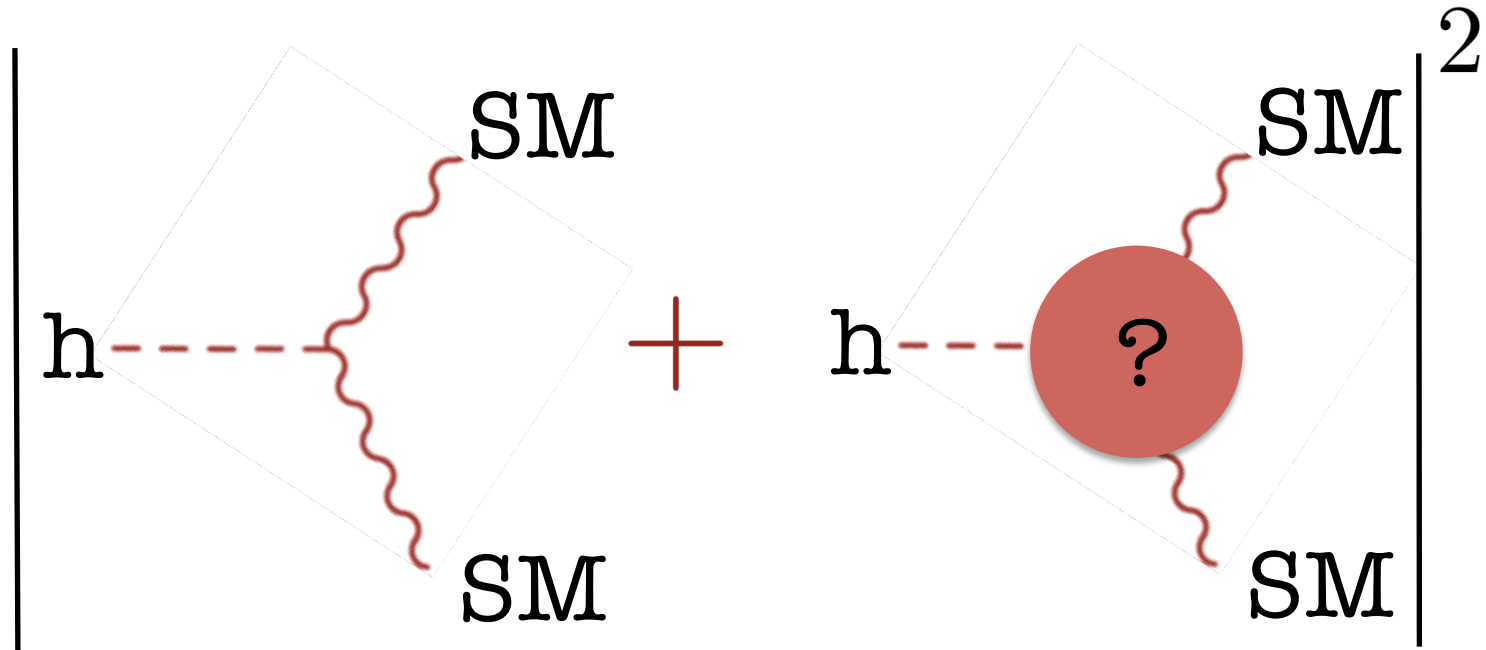
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- Former has received a **LOT** of attention
- Finite: straightforward to calculate

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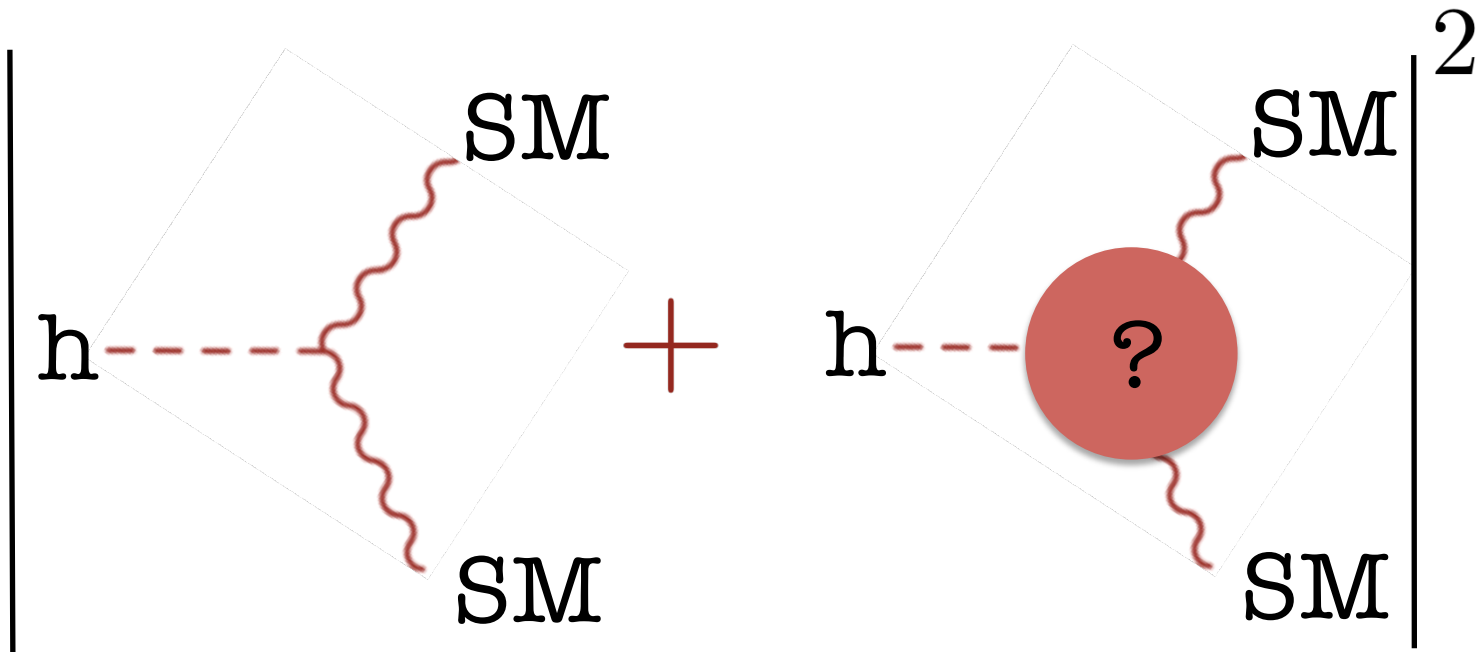
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- Def: LO amplitude (whatever loop-level) SM-like, new physics enters at NLO.

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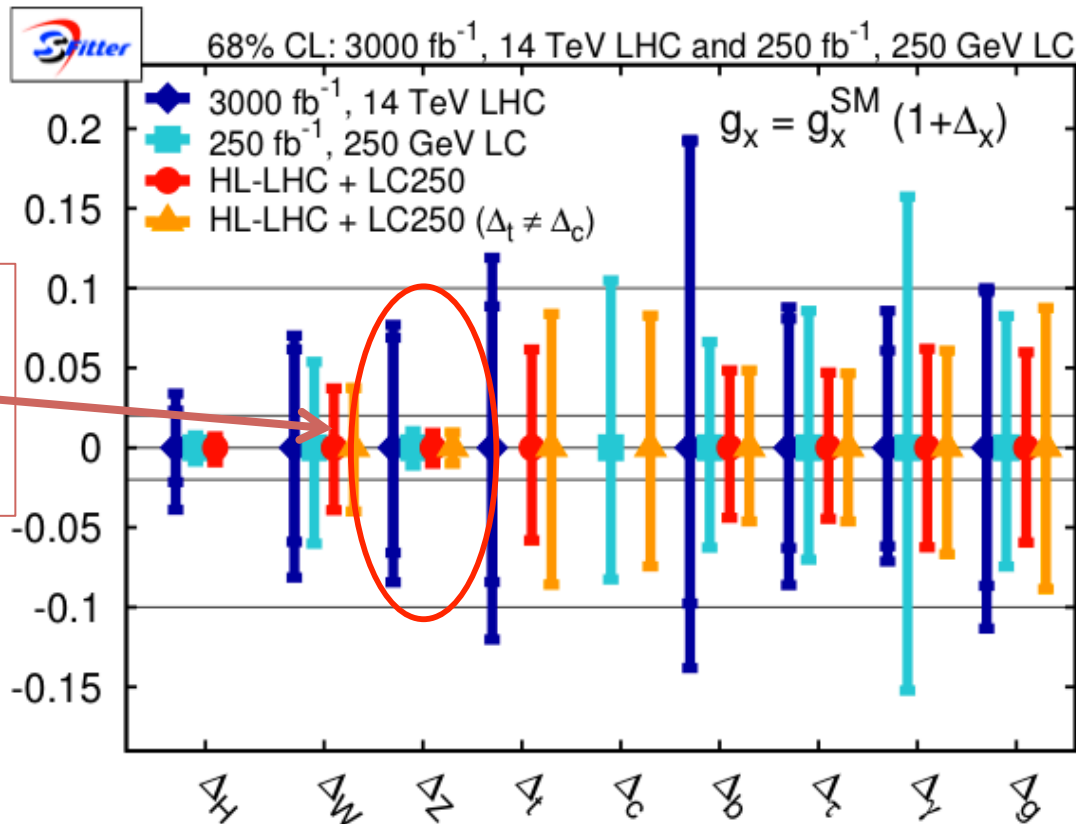
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- Very generic possibility...
- But what should we look for?
- NLO \rightarrow small, so best bet: best accuracy.

Higgs Couplings: Future

- What about LHC + 250 GeV LC?



Klute et al

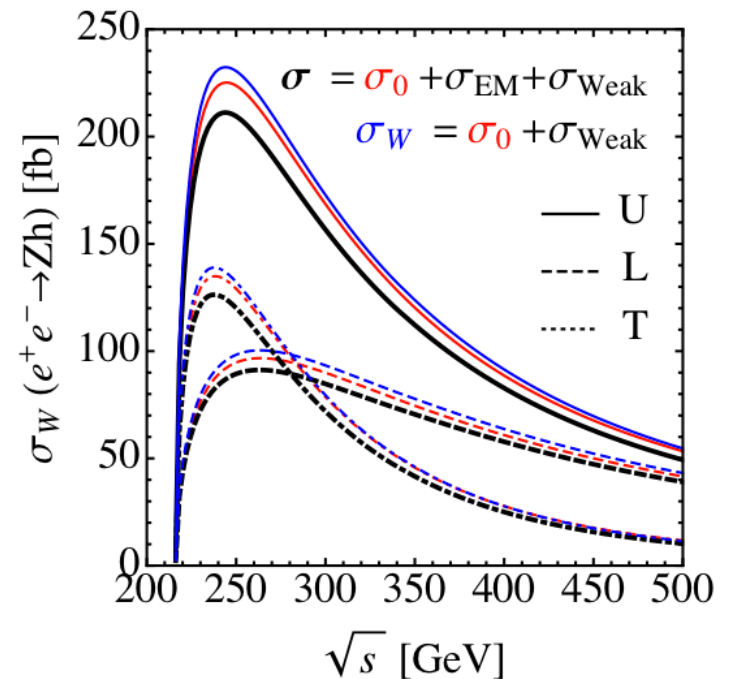
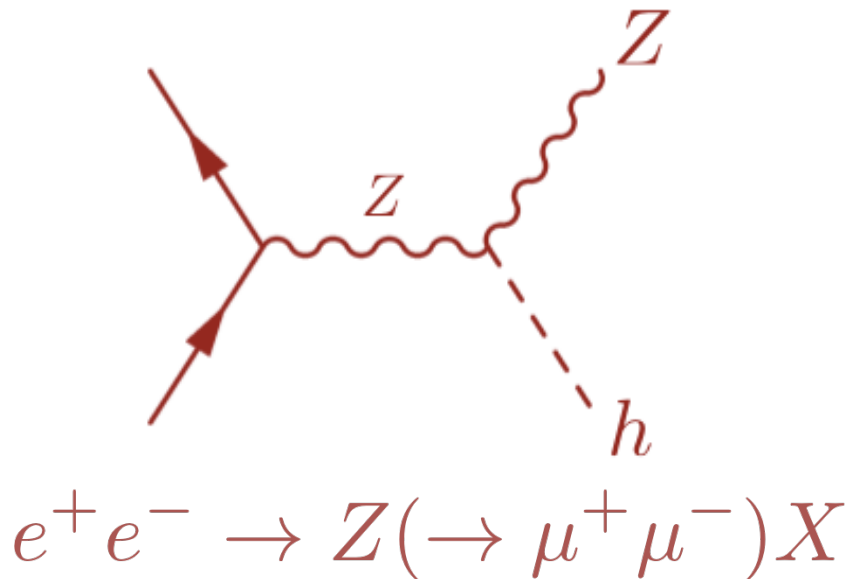
Dramatic improvement in Z-coupling determination!

LC = Linear Collider, Lepton Collider, Higgs Factory...

- LHC accuracy similar for other couplings

Higgs Couplings: Future

- At LC Z-coupling is special. Why?
 - 250 GeV Associated Production **dominant**:



- Measure Z-recoils alone
 - Determine coupling **independent of Higgs decays**!

Associated Production: BSM

- What precision to expect?

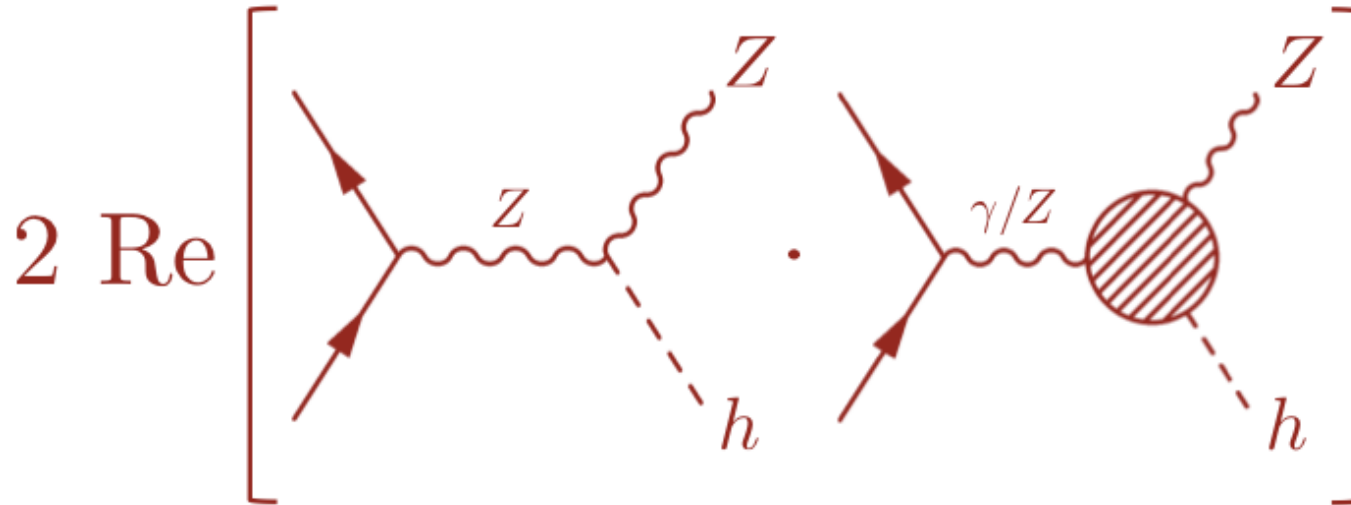
$$\delta(\sigma_{Zh}) = 2\delta(g_Z)$$

Table 1-20. Expected precisions on the Higgs couplings and total width from a constrained 7-parameter fit assuming no non-SM production or decay modes. The fit assumes generation universality ($\kappa_u \equiv \kappa_t = \kappa_c$, $\kappa_d \equiv \kappa_b = \kappa_s$, and $\kappa_\ell \equiv \kappa_\tau = \kappa_\mu$). The ranges shown for LHC and HL-LHC represent the conservative and optimistic scenarios for systematic and theory uncertainties. ILC numbers assume (e^-, e^+) polarizations of $(-0.8, 0.3)$ at 250 and 500 GeV and $(-0.8, 0.2)$ at 1000 GeV. CLIC numbers assume polarizations of $(-0.8, 0)$ for energies above 1 TeV. TLEP numbers assume unpolarized beams.

Facility	LHC	HL-LHC	ILC500	ILC500-up	ILC1000	ILC1000-up	CLIC	TLEP (4 IPs)
\sqrt{s} (GeV)	14,000	14,000	250/500	250/500	250/500/1000	250/500/1000	350/1400/3000	240/350
$\int \mathcal{L} dt$ (fb $^{-1}$)	300/expt	3000/expt	250+500	1150+1000	250+500+1000	1150+1000+2500	500+1500+2000	10,000+2600
κ_γ	5 – 7%	2 – 5%	8.3%	4.4%	3.8%	2.3%	–/5.5/<5.5%	1.45%
κ_g	6 – 8%	3 – 5%	2.8%	1.1%	1.1%	0.87%	3.3/0.19/0.30%	0.79%
κ_W	4 – 6%	2 – 5%	0.88%	0.21%	0.21%	0.2%	1.5/0.15/0.11%	0.10%
κ_Z	4 – 6%	2 – 4%	0.49%	0.24%	0.50%	0.3%	0.49/0.33/0.24%	0.05%
κ_ℓ	6 – 8%	2 – 5%	1.0%	0.08%	1.2%	0.70%	0.5/1.4/<1.3%	0.51%
$\kappa_d = \kappa_b$	10 – 13%	4 – 7%	0.93%	0.60%	0.51%	0.4%	1.7/0.32/0.19%	0.39%
$\kappa_u = \kappa_t$	14 – 15%	7 – 10%	2.5%	1.3%	1.3%	0.9%	3.1/1.0/0.7%	0.69%

Associated Production: BSM

- Great testing ground for NLO ideas
 - Need to calculate:



- Magnitude of corrections?
 - Try specific models first

Models: Inert 2HDM

- “Inert” Two Higgs doublet model

$$V \supset m_\phi^2 |\phi|^2 + \lambda |H|^2 |\phi|^2 + \lambda' |H \cdot \phi^\dagger|^2$$

Charged under
approximate symmetry

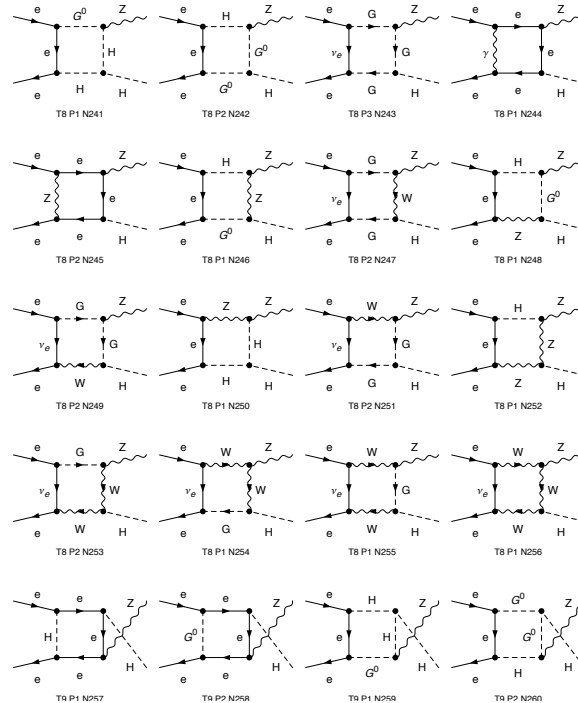
- No tree-level modifications
- Trade these parameters for **more intuitive** set:
 - Charged scalar mass: m_{ϕ_+}
 - Charged scalar tri-linear coupling to Higgs: A_{ϕ_+}
 - Charged-neutral mass-splitting: Δ_ϕ
- Where we define $\Delta_\phi = m_{\phi_0} - m_{\phi_+}$

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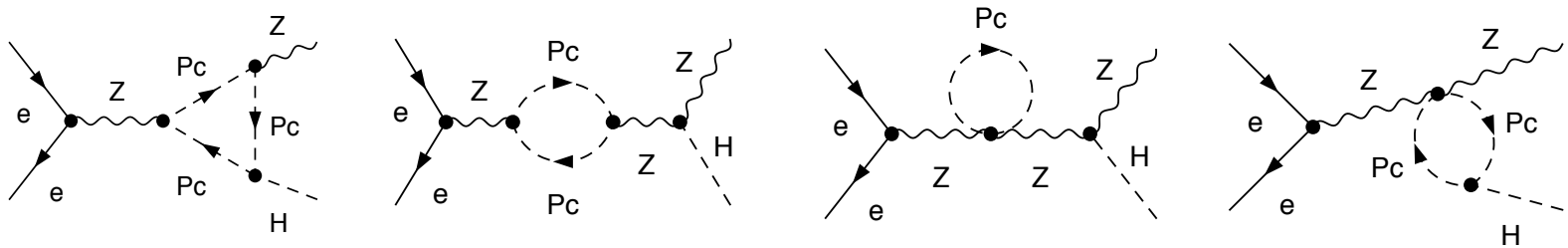
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- Also, calculate the 2-point functions necessary for Peskin-Takeuchi...

Results: Parameterization

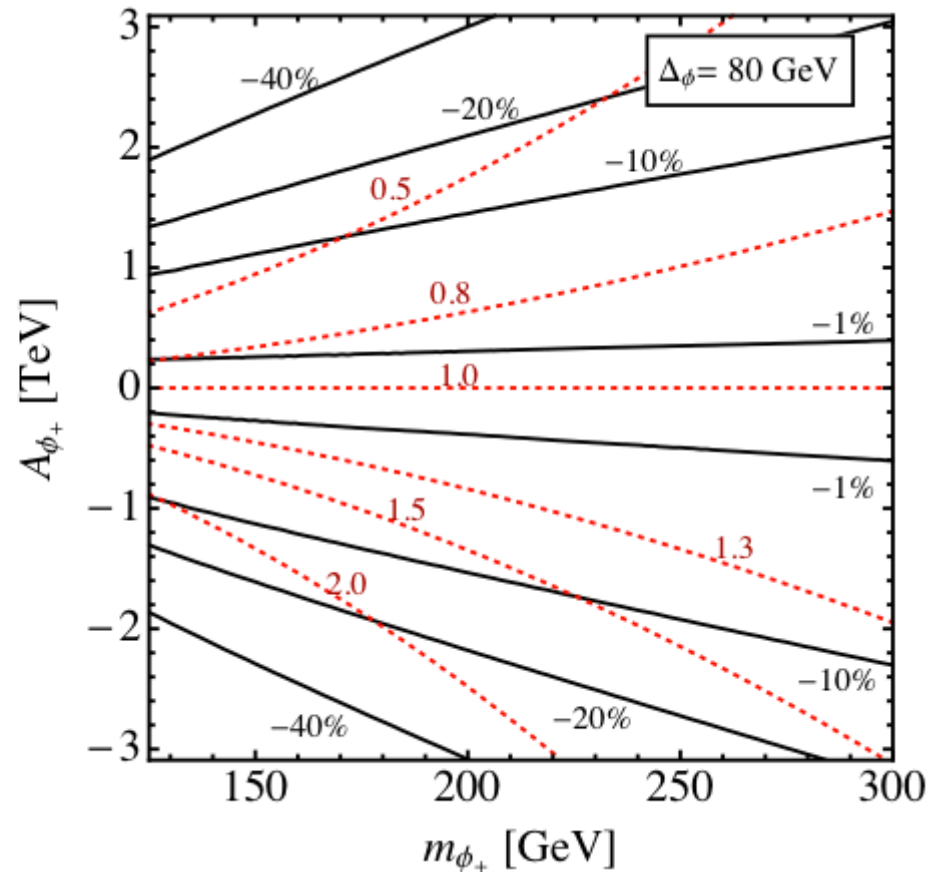
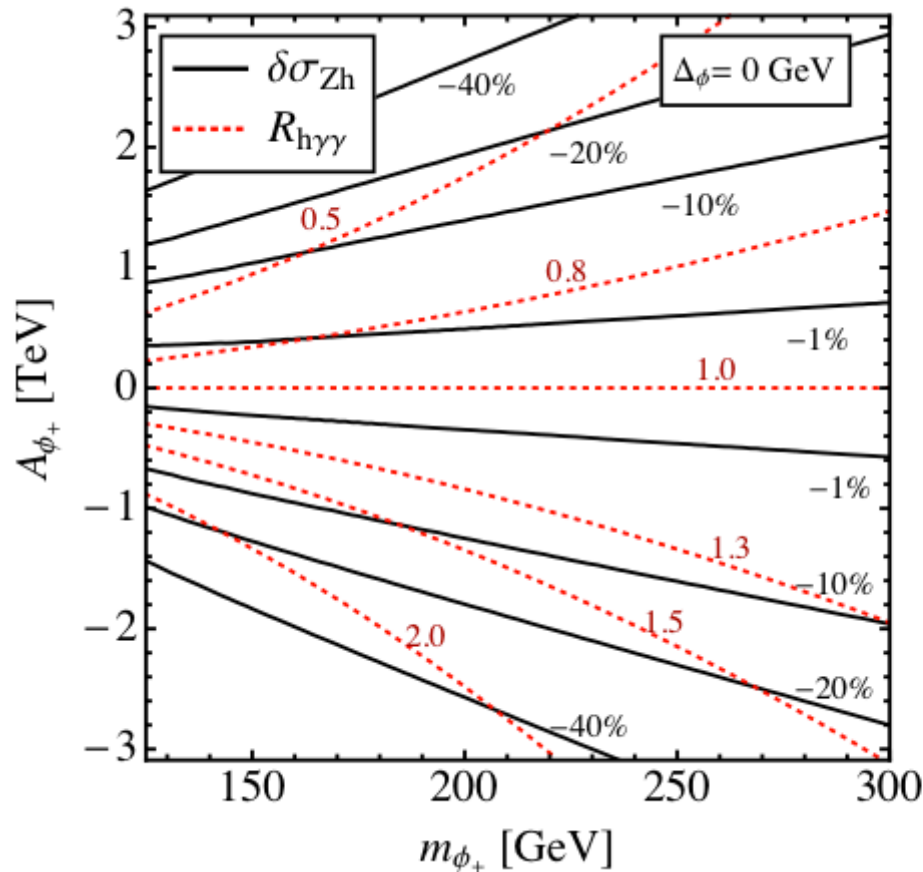
- Define two parameters
 - Correction to associated production:

$$\delta\sigma_{Zh} = \frac{\sigma_{BSM}(e^+e^- \rightarrow Zh) - \sigma_{SM}(e^+e^- \rightarrow Zh)}{\sigma_0(e^+e^- \rightarrow Zh)}$$

- Corrections to diphoton Higgs decay

$$R_{h\gamma\gamma} = \frac{\Gamma_{BSM}(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)}{\Gamma_{SM}(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)} = \frac{\text{BR}_{BSM}(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)}{\text{BR}_{SM}(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)} \left[\frac{\Gamma_{BSM}^{\text{tot}}}{\Gamma_{SM}^{\text{tot}}} \right]^{-1}$$

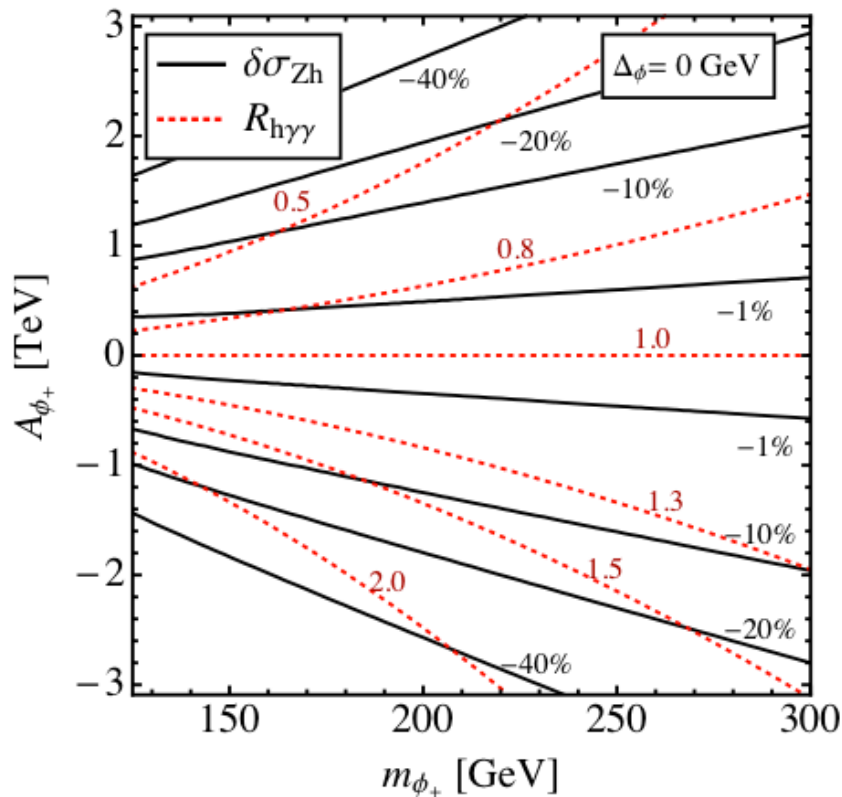
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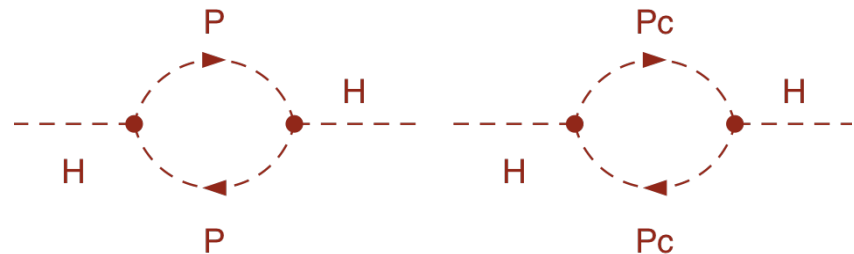
- As expected, corrections to associated production **may be observable!**

Results: Inert Doublet

- Corrections mostly quadratic in coupling:



Only the Higgs wave-function renormalization correction scales in this way!



- EW gauge corrections subdominant!
 - Remember this...

What About Fundamental Ideas?

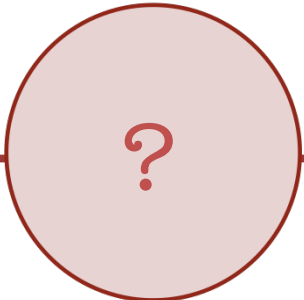
- Naturalness under scrutiny:

$$h \text{ --- } \Lambda \text{ --- } h \neq \Lambda^2$$

- We know some natural theories:
 - SUSY
 - Composite....
- Common feature: **Top Partners!**

What is Naturalness?

- Pragmatically: No quadratic divergences.



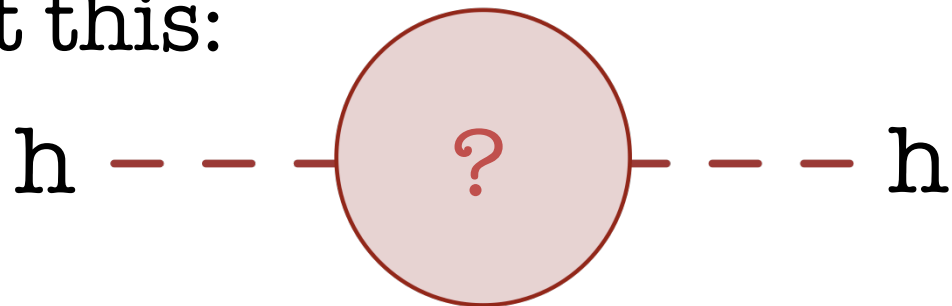
A Feynman diagram showing a Higgs boson (h) line entering a loop from the left, and another Higgs boson (h) line exiting the loop to the right. The loop is represented by a red circle with a red question mark inside. To the right of the loop, there is a mathematical expression $\neq \Lambda^2$.

$$h \text{ --- } \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} h \neq \Lambda^2$$

- LHC: SUSY/Stop/KK/t' searches...
- Explore naturalness generally?
 - Must we commit to specific UV-completions?

Generalizing Naturalness

- Staring at this:



- Scalars:

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- Captures dominant top-partner-Higgs interactions!

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- Captures aspects of naturalness!
 - Specifically: Any solution to the hierarchy problem with scalar top partners will have **at least** these fields with these couplings.
 - First: **Assuming gauge singlets.**

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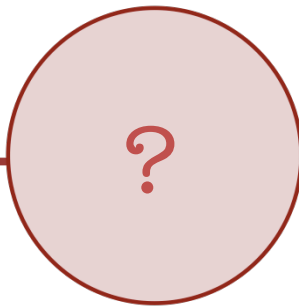
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Frequently discussed

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Never discussed

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Rescaling pulls correction
into all other couplings

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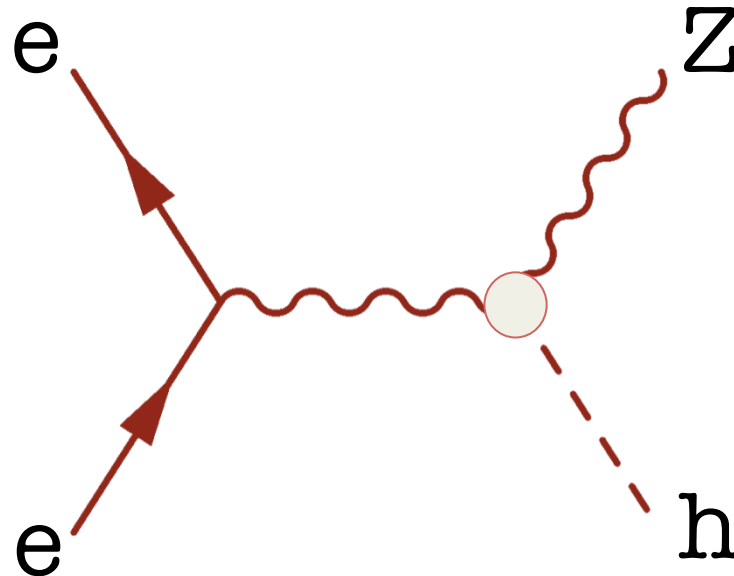
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- Yes! $\delta c_{hVV} = \delta c_{h\bar{f}f} = c_H v^2 / m_\phi^2$

Physical Effects

- But... naturalness: $m_\phi \sim v$
- Need the full calculation, e.g:



- Correction enters via counter-terms.

Measuring Naturalness

- If you happen to care...

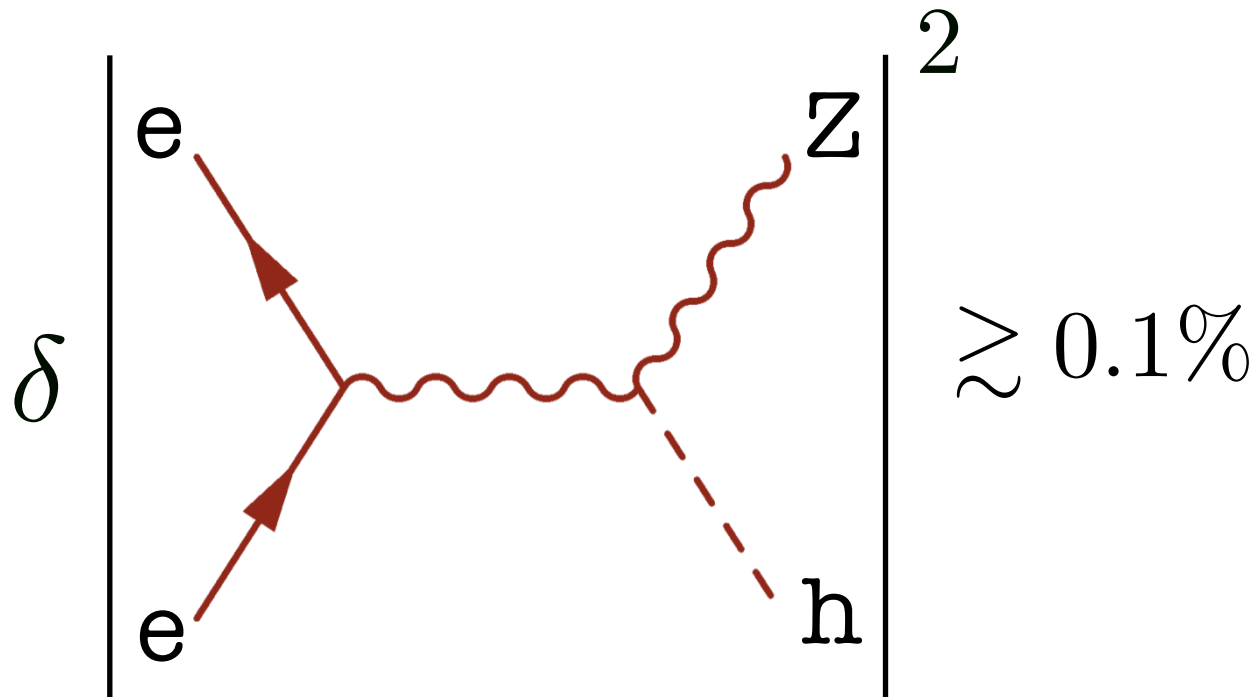
$$\delta c_{hVV} = \frac{9\lambda_t^2 m_t^2}{4\pi^2 n_\phi m_h^2} \left(1 + F \left(\frac{m_h^2}{4m_\phi^2} \right) \right)$$

- Where:

$$F(\tau) = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{\tau(\tau-1)}} \log \left(\frac{1 - 2\tau - 2\sqrt{\tau(\tau-1)}}{1 - 2\tau + 2\sqrt{\tau(\tau-1)}} \right)$$

Measuring Naturalness

- LC offers extraordinary precision!



- Never say never for LHC too...

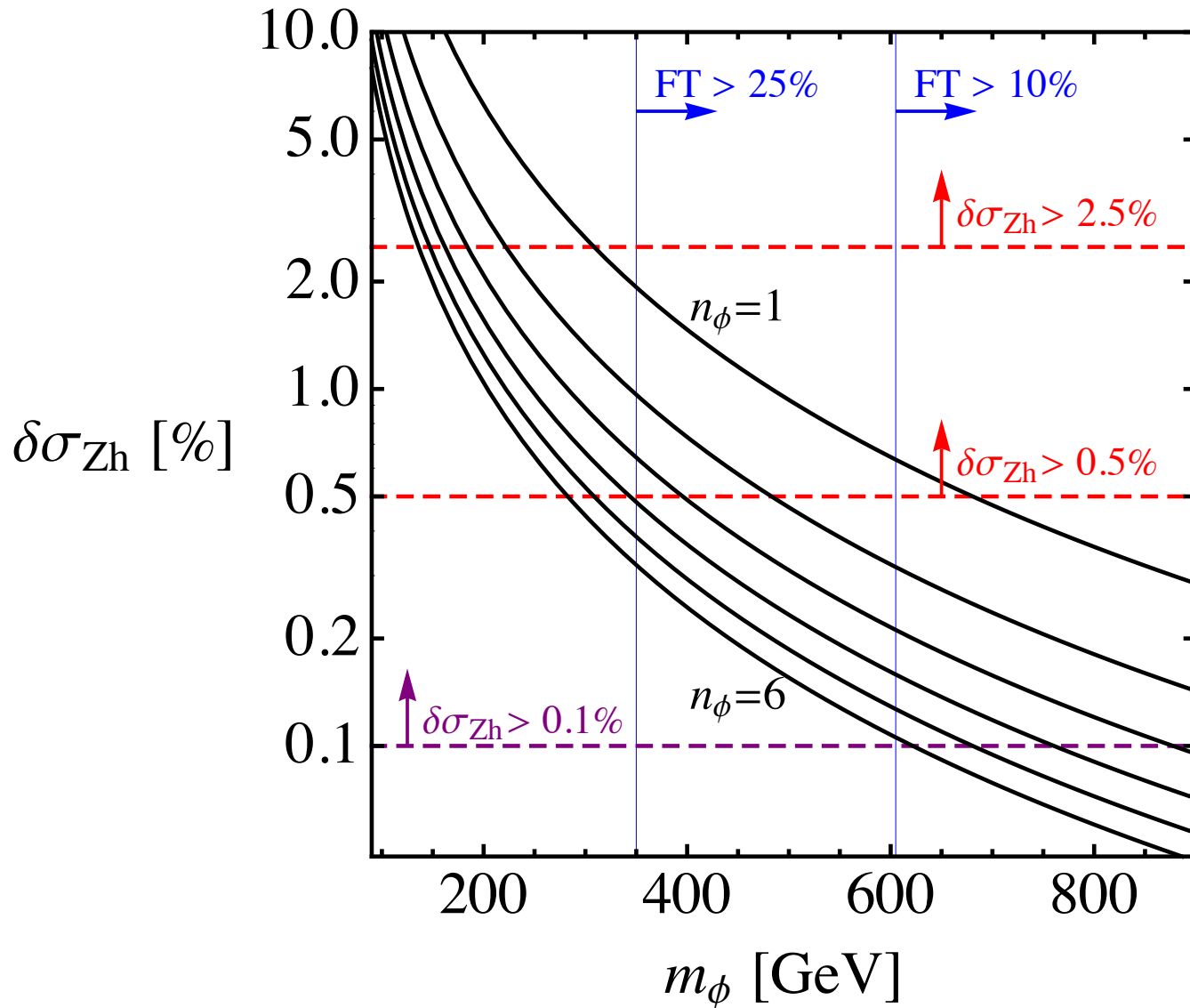
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- Can a LC probe naturalness?

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Yes.

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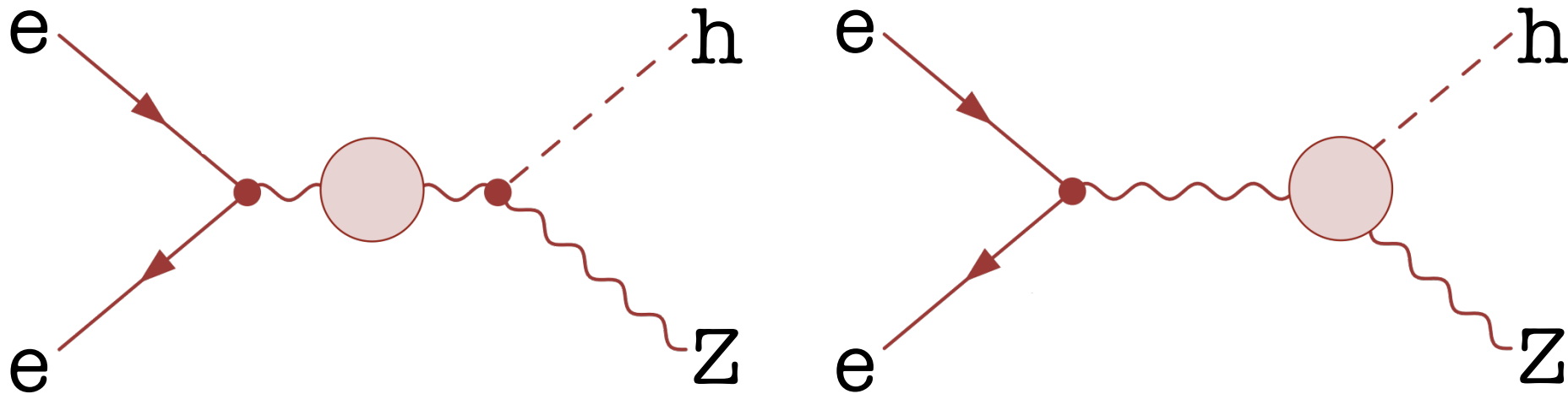
This plot for
gauge singlet
top partners.

Think: Twin
Higgs models.

TLEP: See
recent papers

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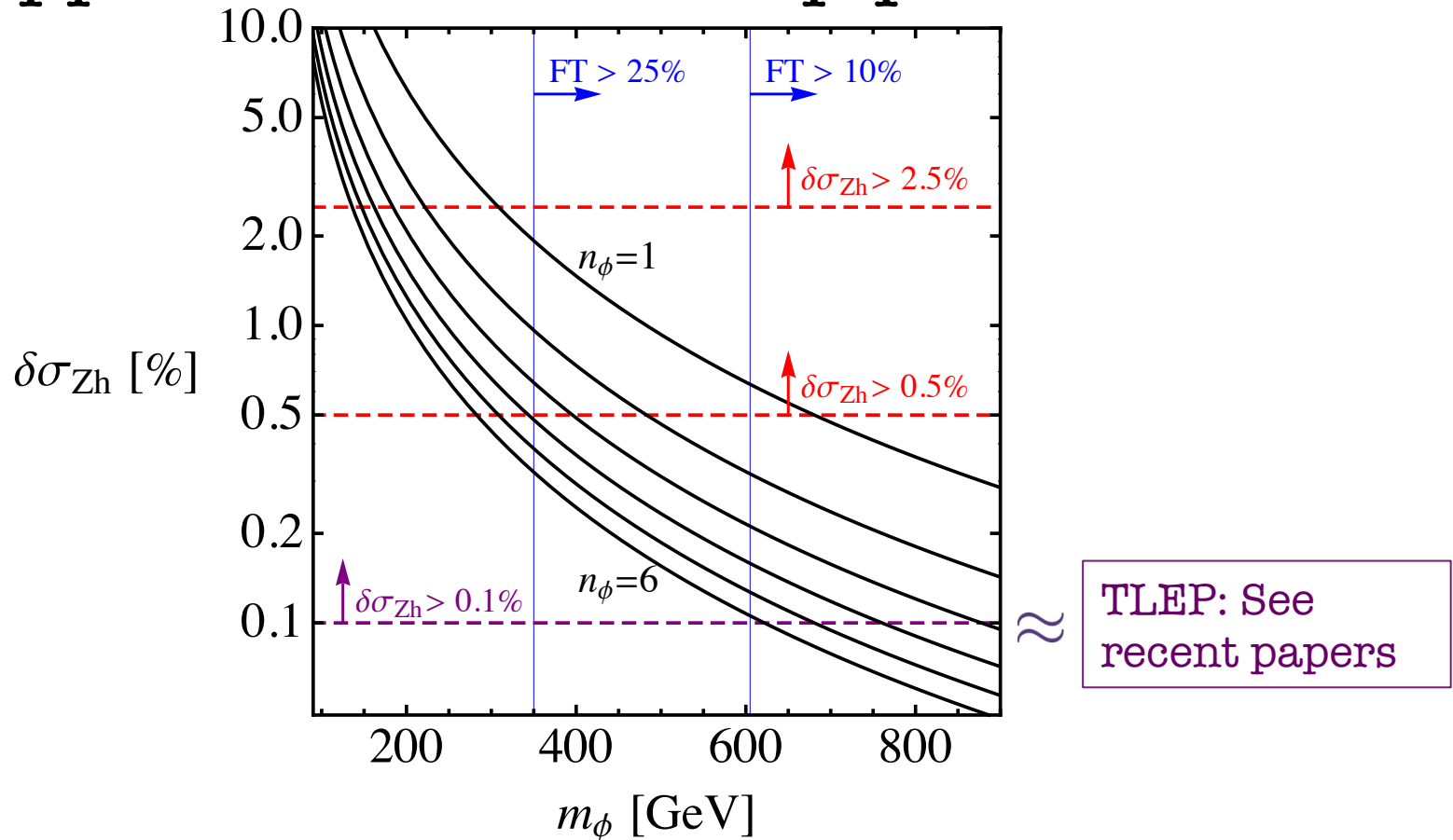
- What if top-partners have EW charges?



- Result still dominated by WF correction!
 - C. Englert and M. M. ($\lambda_t^2 \gg g^2, g'^2$)

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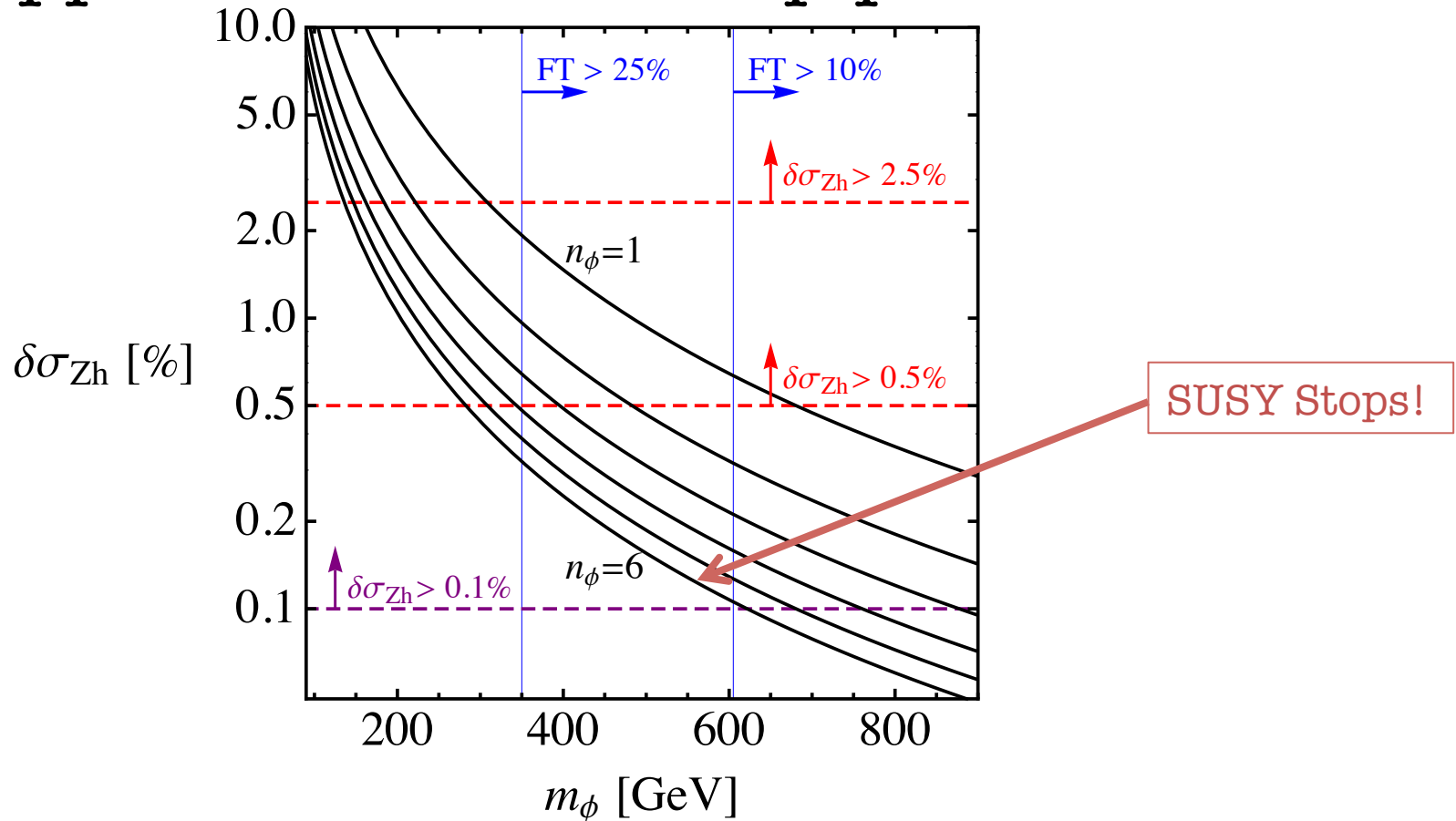
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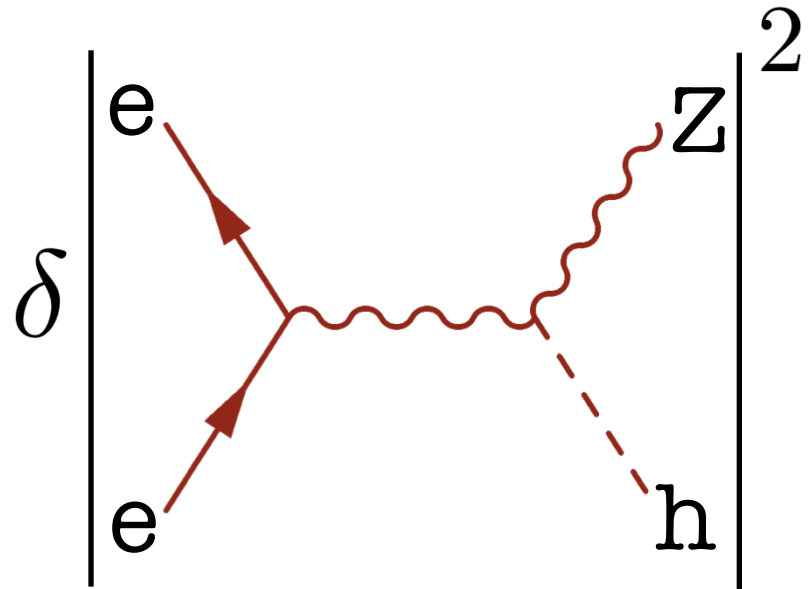
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- Known Natural Theories:
 - SUSY, Composite, Technicolor, UEDs, RS,...
- Under some tension from LHC!
- But weak scale may still be natural
 - Flipped SUSY, Twin Higgs, SUSY with hidden stops,...!
- If, so what are generic predictions?

Measuring Naturalness

- Goal: Distill Higgs physics from naturalness and test it!

- Lepton Collider:

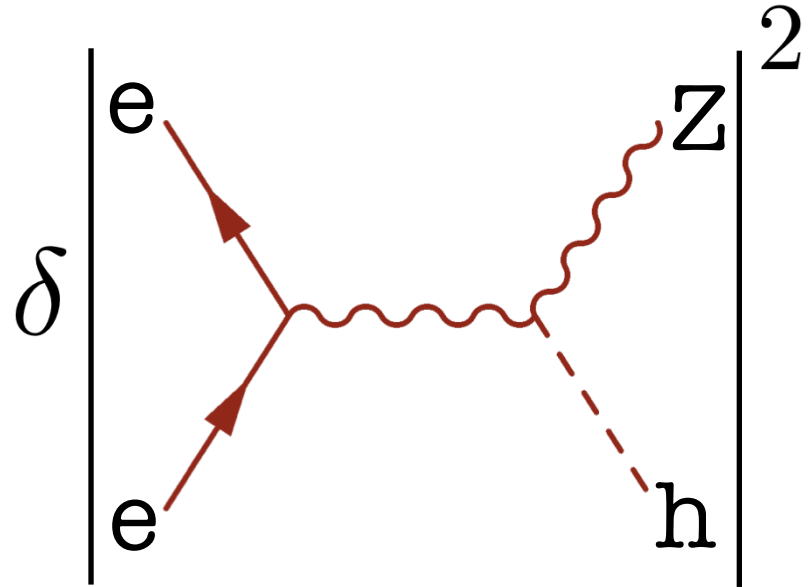


enables exploration of naturalness
principle, independent of specific models!

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...No fail theorem for naturalness!

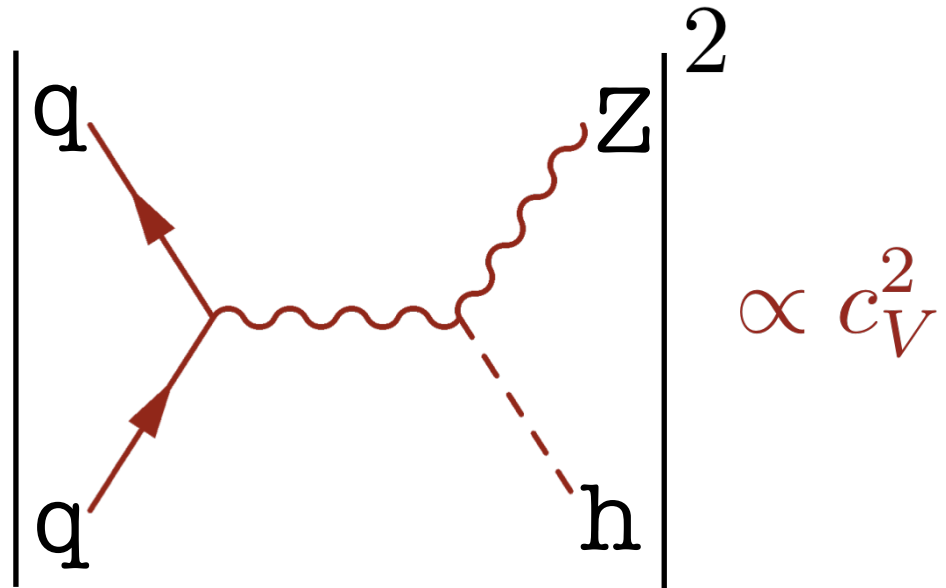
BSM@NLO@LHC

- Only applicable to lepton collider?
- Naively: NLO effects typically too small
- Less naively: LHC makes lots of Higgs, can probe tails of distributions.
- BSM NLO effects may be measurable.

SM@NNLO in Boosted Regime

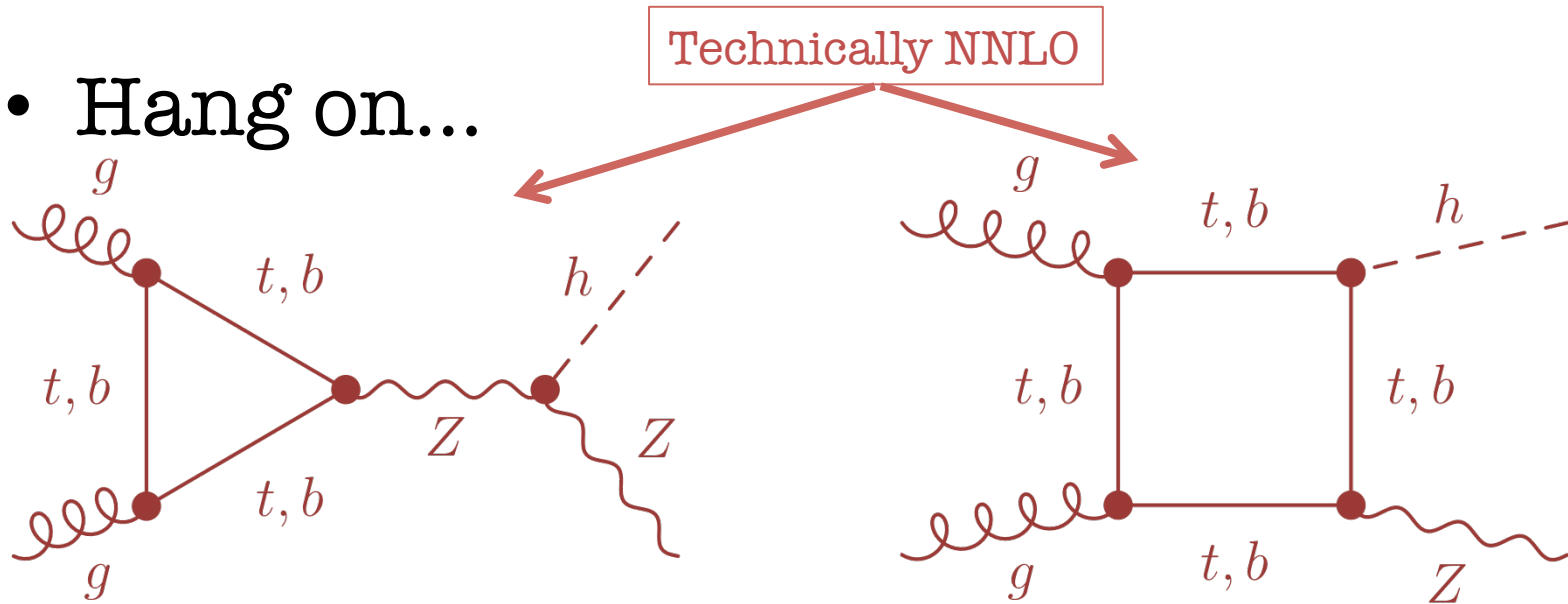
- Certain searches rely on boosted Higgs
 - Boosted cuts, BDRS analysis (Butterworth, Davison, Rubin, Salam)
- Best example: $pp \rightarrow hZ, h \rightarrow \bar{b}b$

- Production:



SM@NNLO in Boosted Regime

- Hang on...



- So what? This is a $10_{\text{LO}} + 7_{\text{NLO}}\%$ effect.
- Currently: absorb into NNLO K-factor
(Only for total cross section!)

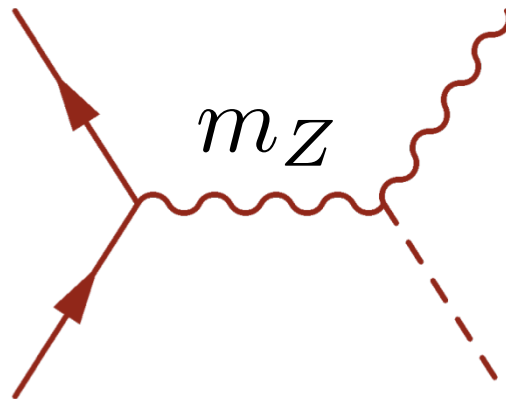
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$$p_{T,h} \gtrsim 150 \text{ GeV}$$

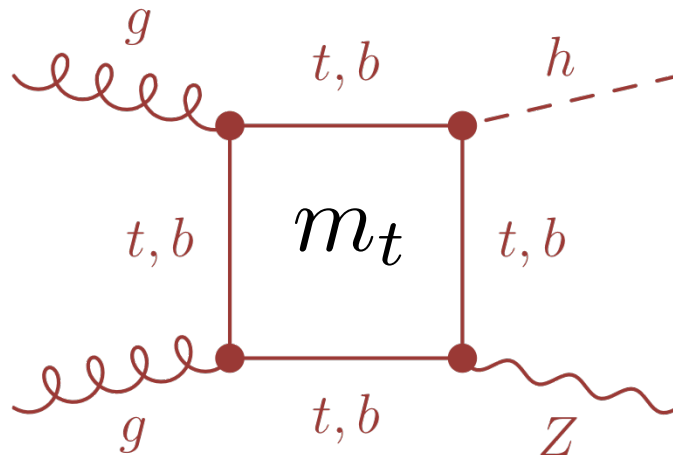
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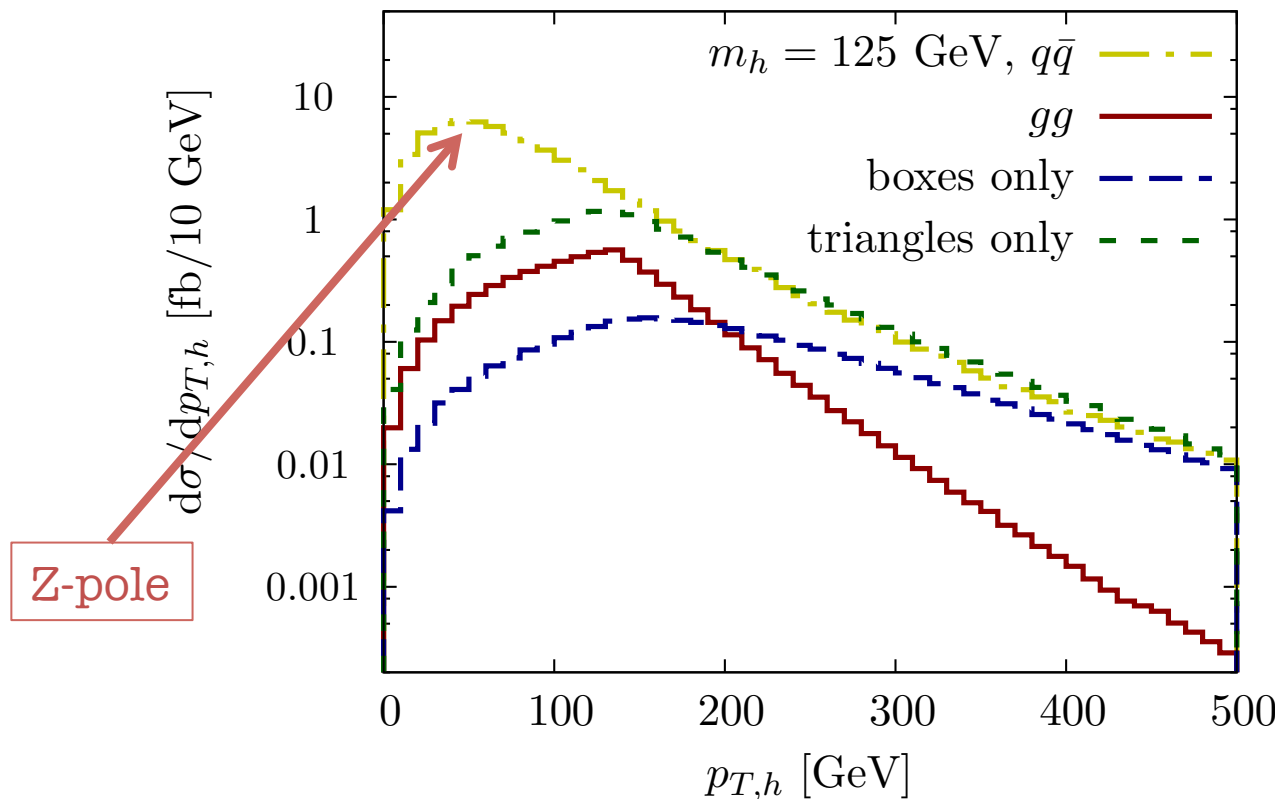
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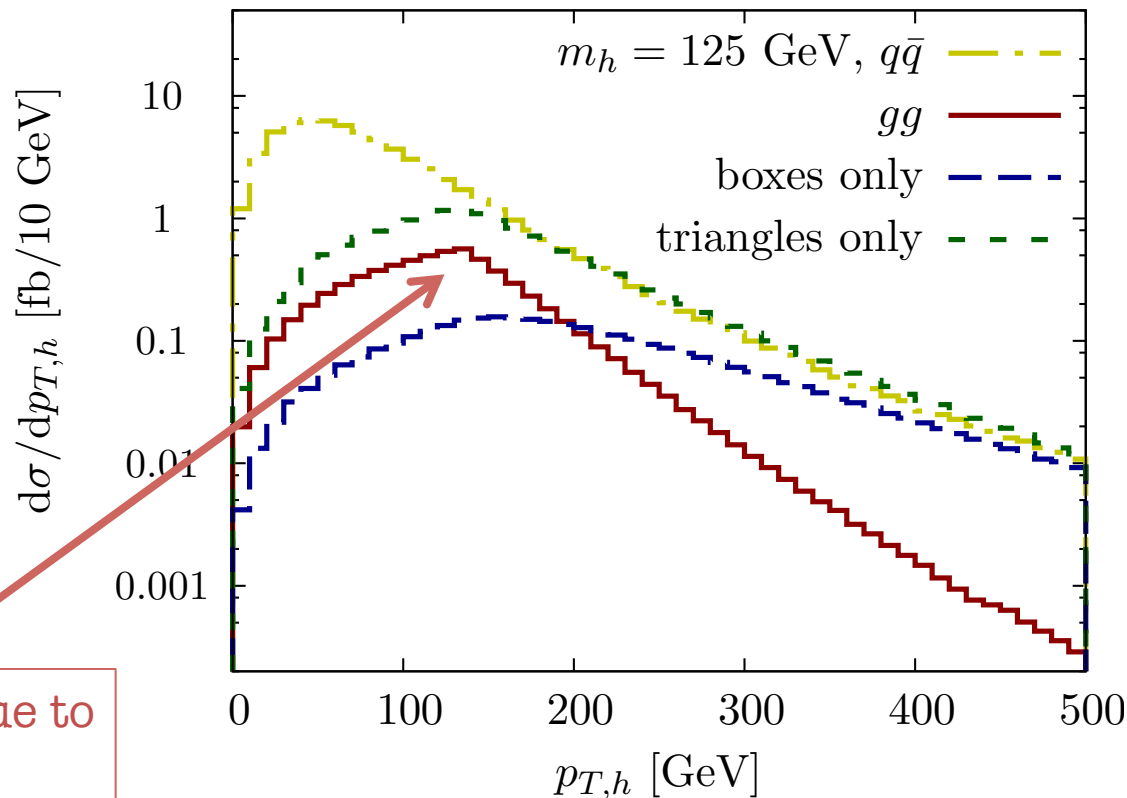
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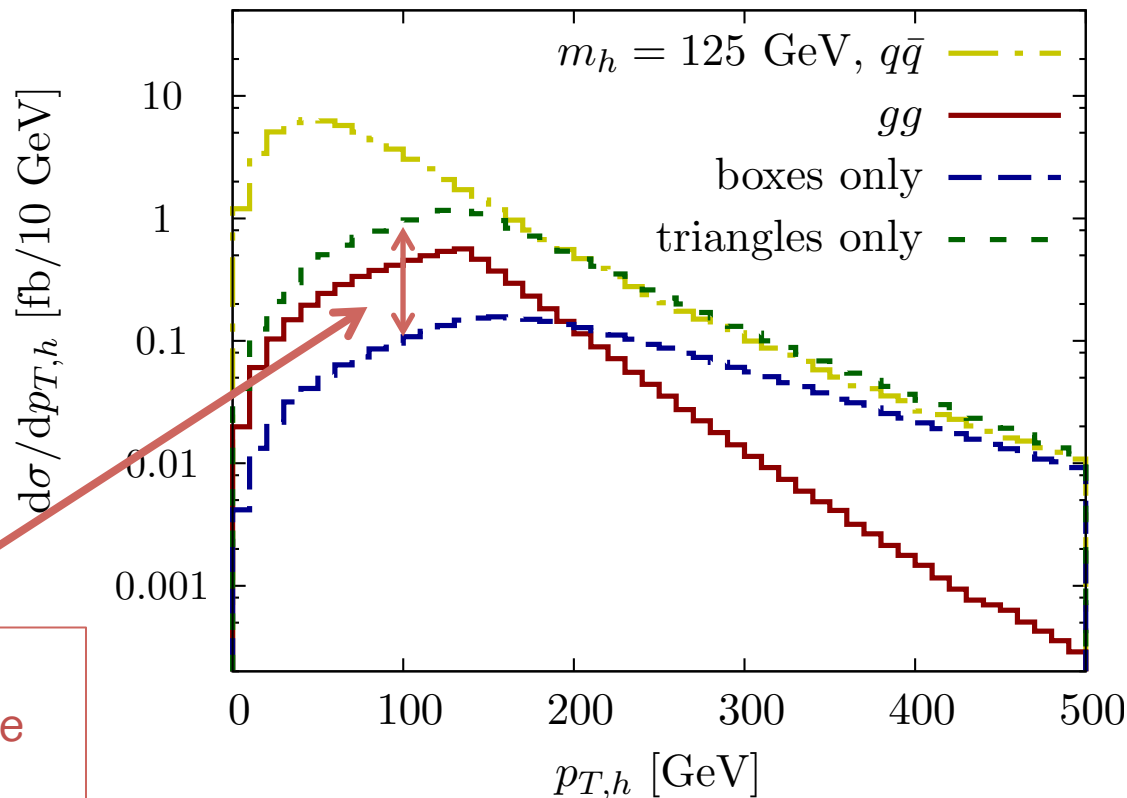
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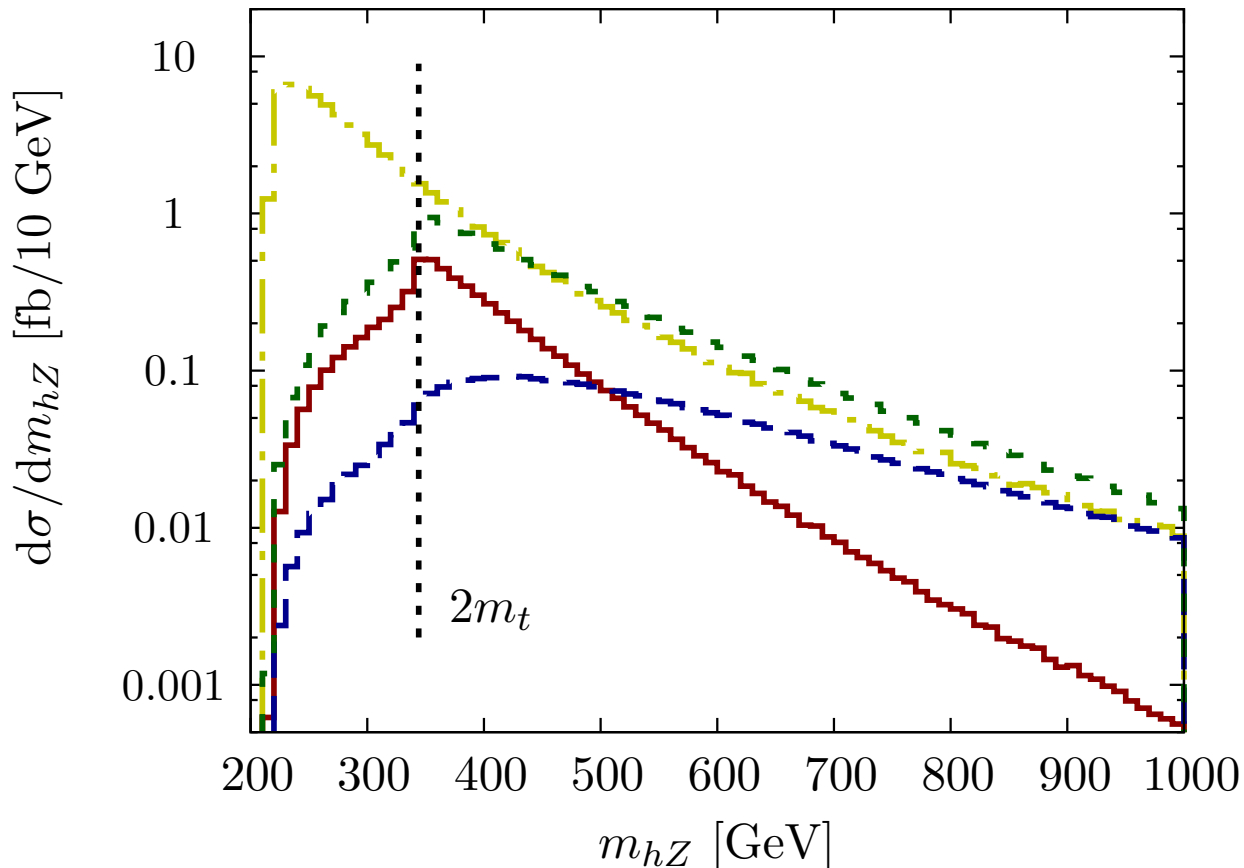
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Triangles and boxes interfere in SM!

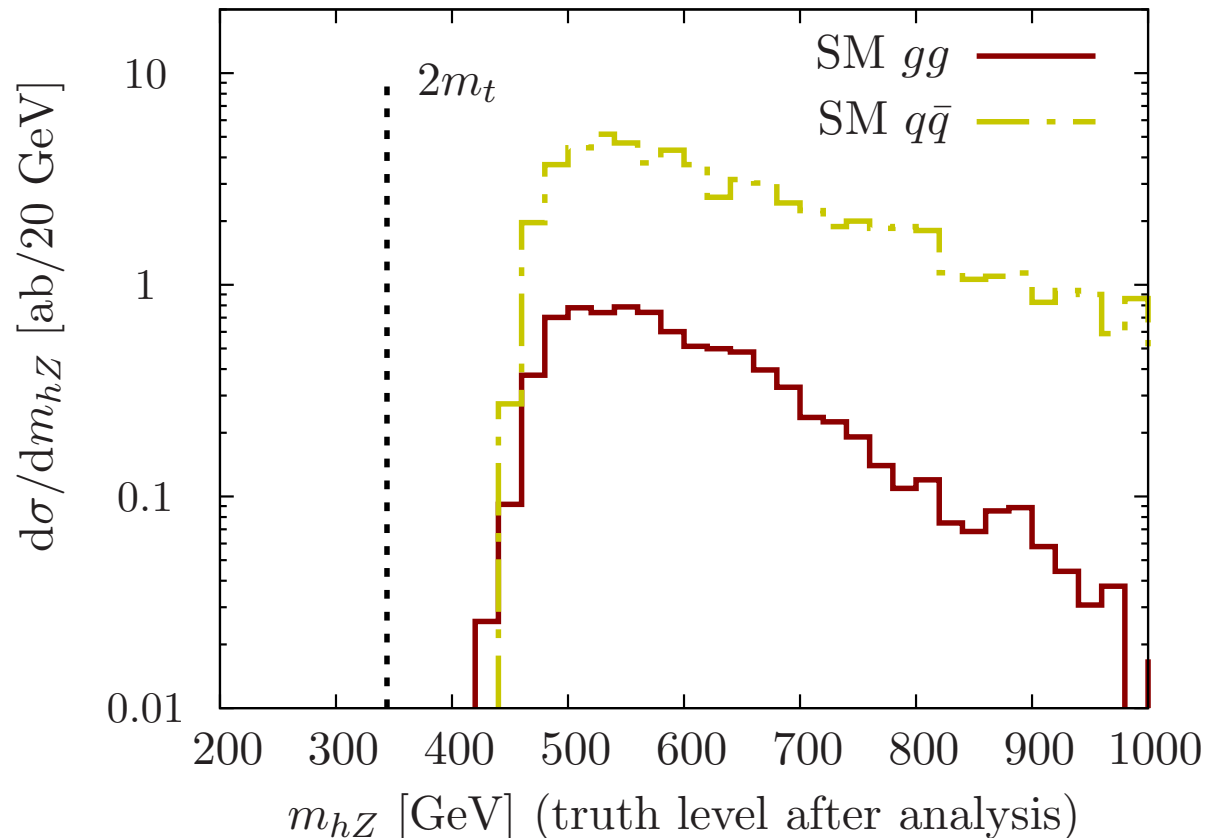
SM@NNLO in Boosted Regime

- In terms of invariant mass:



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- After applying typical boosted cuts and BDRS substructure analysis:



SM@NNLO in Boosted Regime

- Is it a good idea to absorb gluon fusion into Drell-Yan K-factor, then apply boosted analysis? No!
- Ok for discovery data, but not ok for future data...

SM@NNLO in Boosted Regime

- If we denote the **inclusive K-factor** as

$$K_{\text{eff}} = \frac{K_{\bar{q}q}^{\text{NNLO}} \times \sigma_{\bar{q}q}^{\text{Inc}} + K_{gg}^{\text{NLO}} \times \sigma_{gg}^{\text{Inc}}}{\sigma_{\bar{q}q}^{\text{Inc}}}$$

- Then, by construction

$$\sigma^{\text{Inc}} = K_{\text{eff}} \sigma_{\bar{q}q}^{\text{Inc}}$$

- But, due to the different distributions

$$\text{Cuts}[\sigma^{\text{Inc}}] \neq K_{\text{eff}} \times \text{Cuts}[\sigma_{\bar{q}q}^{\text{Inc}}]$$

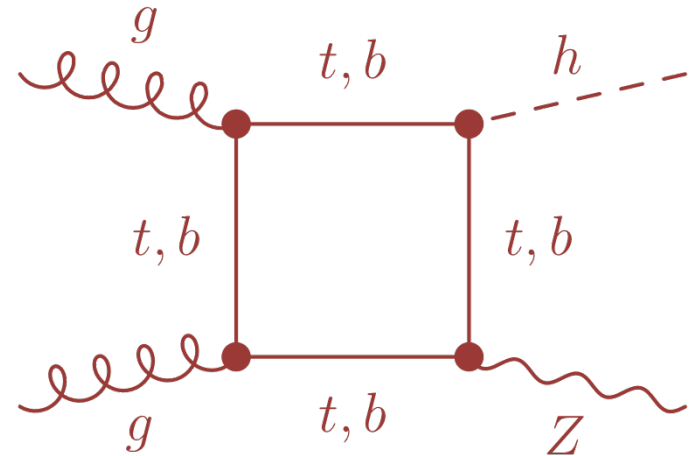
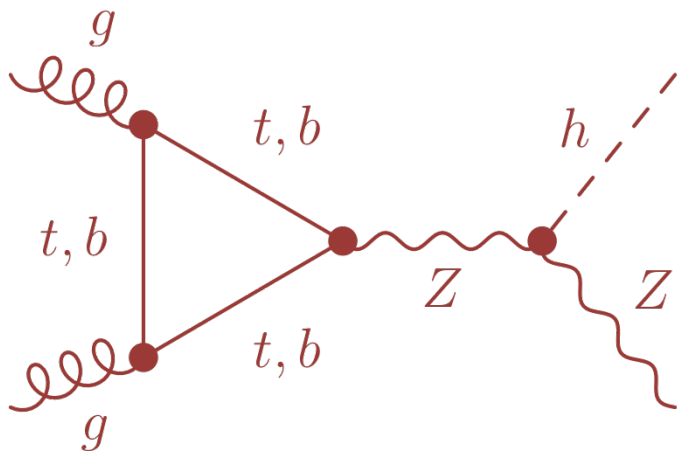
- Should analyze Drell-Yan and gluon fusion separately...

SM@NNLO in Boosted Regime

- There are implications for SM Higgs searches.
- Full result gives 9% enhancement after typical p_T cuts.
- Full result gives 1% reduction after p_T cuts and BDRS.
- Quoted theory errors: 5.5%.

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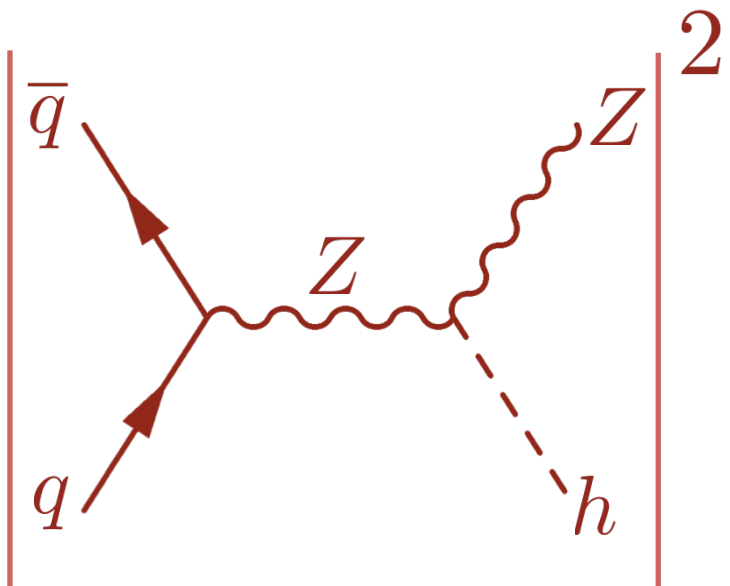
- Returning to diagrams:



- Finite, as in $gg \rightarrow h$!
- BSM result: rescaled Higgs couplings
 - No ambiguities about counterterms...

BSM@NNLO in Boosted Regime

- Naïvely:

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow hZ) \sim \left| \begin{array}{c} \bar{q} \\ q \end{array} \right| \left| \begin{array}{c} Z \\ h \end{array} \right|^2 \propto c_V^2$$


BSM@NNLO in Boosted Regime

- Reality:

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow hZ) \sim \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{Tree-level diagram: } q\bar{q} \text{ annihilation via } Z \text{ to } hZ \\ \text{One-loop diagrams: } t, b \text{ box and triangle topologies} \end{array} \right|^2 + \dots$$

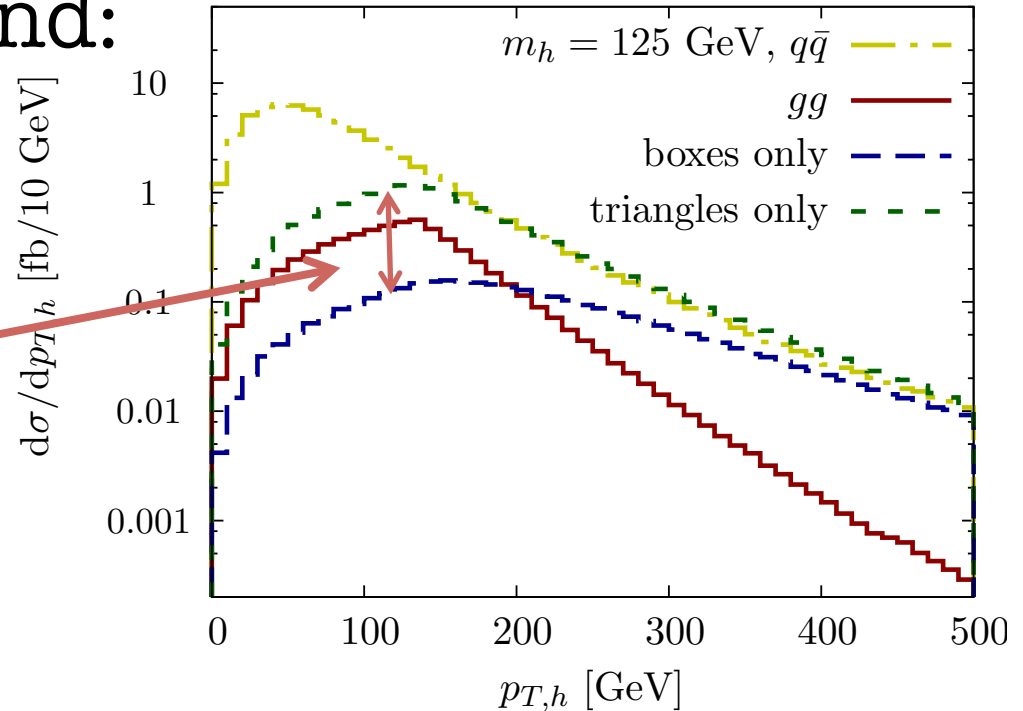
The diagram shows the cross-section $\sigma(pp \rightarrow hZ)$ as a sum of squared amplitudes. The first term is the tree-level process where a quark-antiquark pair ($q\bar{q}$) annihilates through a Z boson into a Higgs boson (h) and a Z boson. The second term represents one-loop corrections involving top and bottom quarks (t, b) in various topologies (triangle and box), with external lines for gluons (g), Higgs (h), and Z bosons.

$$\sim c_V^2 + f(c_V, c_t, c_B)$$

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- Also keep in mind:

Triangles
and boxes
interfere in
SM!



- BSM Higgs couplings may spoil interference, enhancing gluon fusion!

BSM@NNLO in Inclusive Rate

- Naïve result:

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- Full result at inclusive level:

Weak dependence on top coupling.

$$R_{\text{Inc}} = 1 - 0.14\delta_t + 0.06\delta_t^2 - 0.26\delta_t\delta_V + 2.14\delta_V + 1.20\delta_V^2$$

Similar to LO scaling

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- Naïve result:

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- Full result after boosted cuts and BDRS:

Much stronger dependence on top coupling.
Boosted cuts “pull-out” boxes and triangles.



$$R_{\text{BDRS}} = 1 - 0.42\delta_t + 0.52\delta_t^2 \\ - 1.46\delta_t\delta_V + 2.42\delta_V + 1.94\delta_V^2$$

BSM@NNLO in Boosted Regime

- BSM searches at the 14 TeV LHC?
 - BSM Standard Candles:
 - Higgs portal? Universal re-scaling, nothing new
 - Type II 2HDM (SUSY etc)

$$c_V = \sin(\beta - \alpha)$$

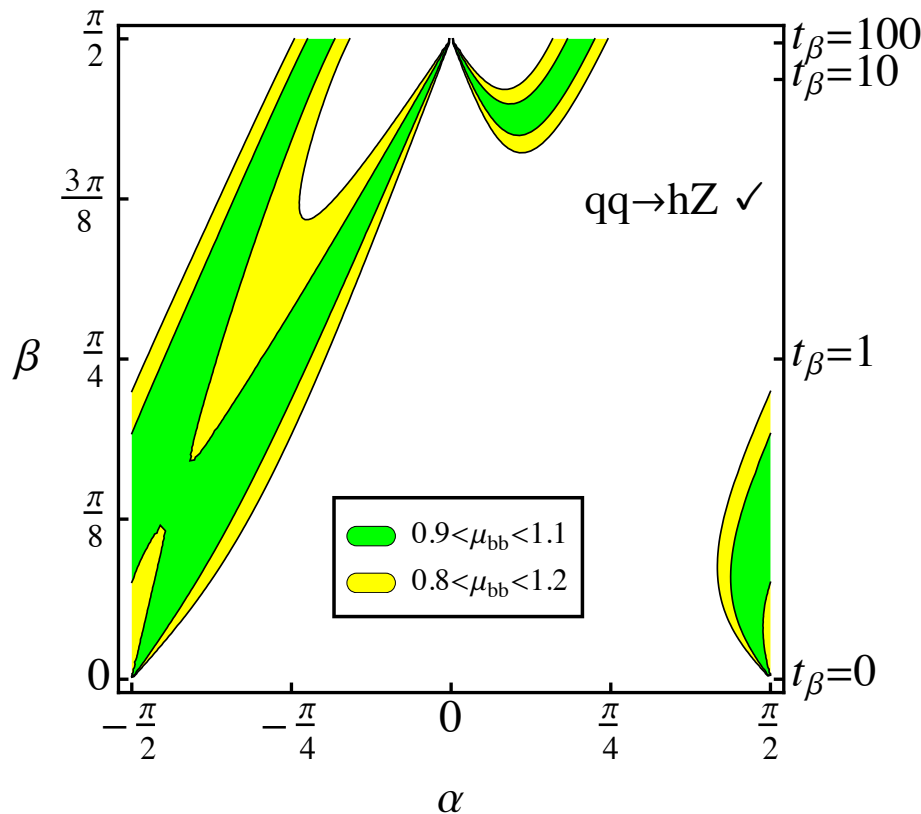
$$c_t = \cos\alpha / \sin\beta$$

$$c_b = -\sin\alpha / \cos\beta$$

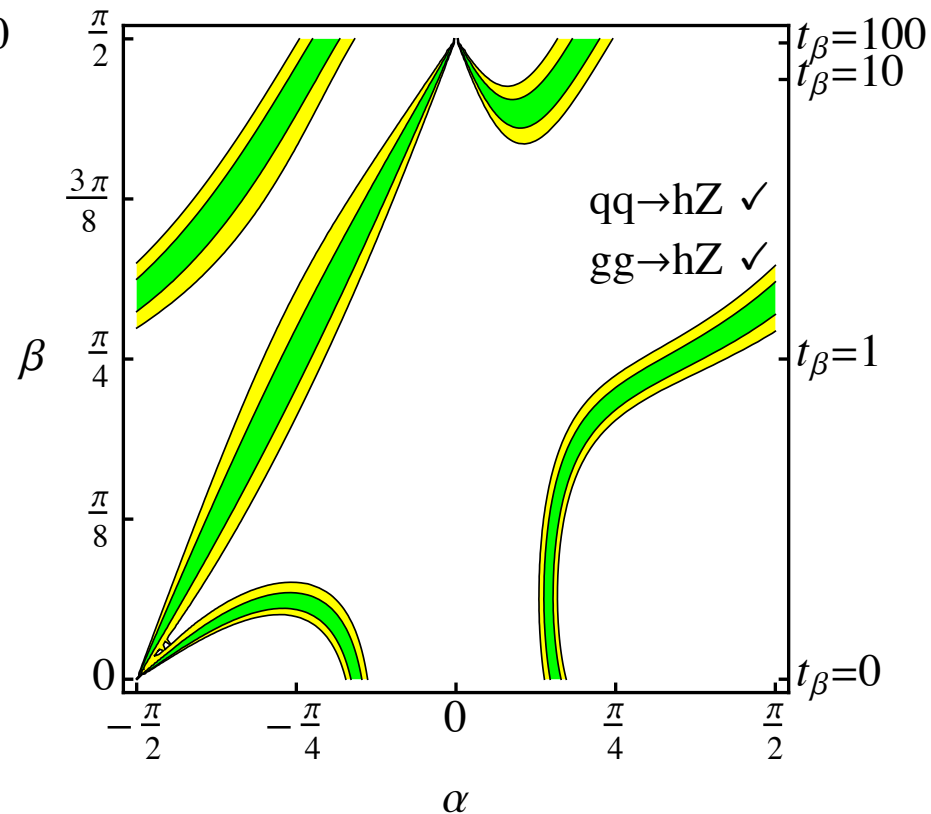
- Re-scaled: $\sigma(pp \rightarrow hZ)$, $\text{BR}(h \rightarrow \bar{b}b)$

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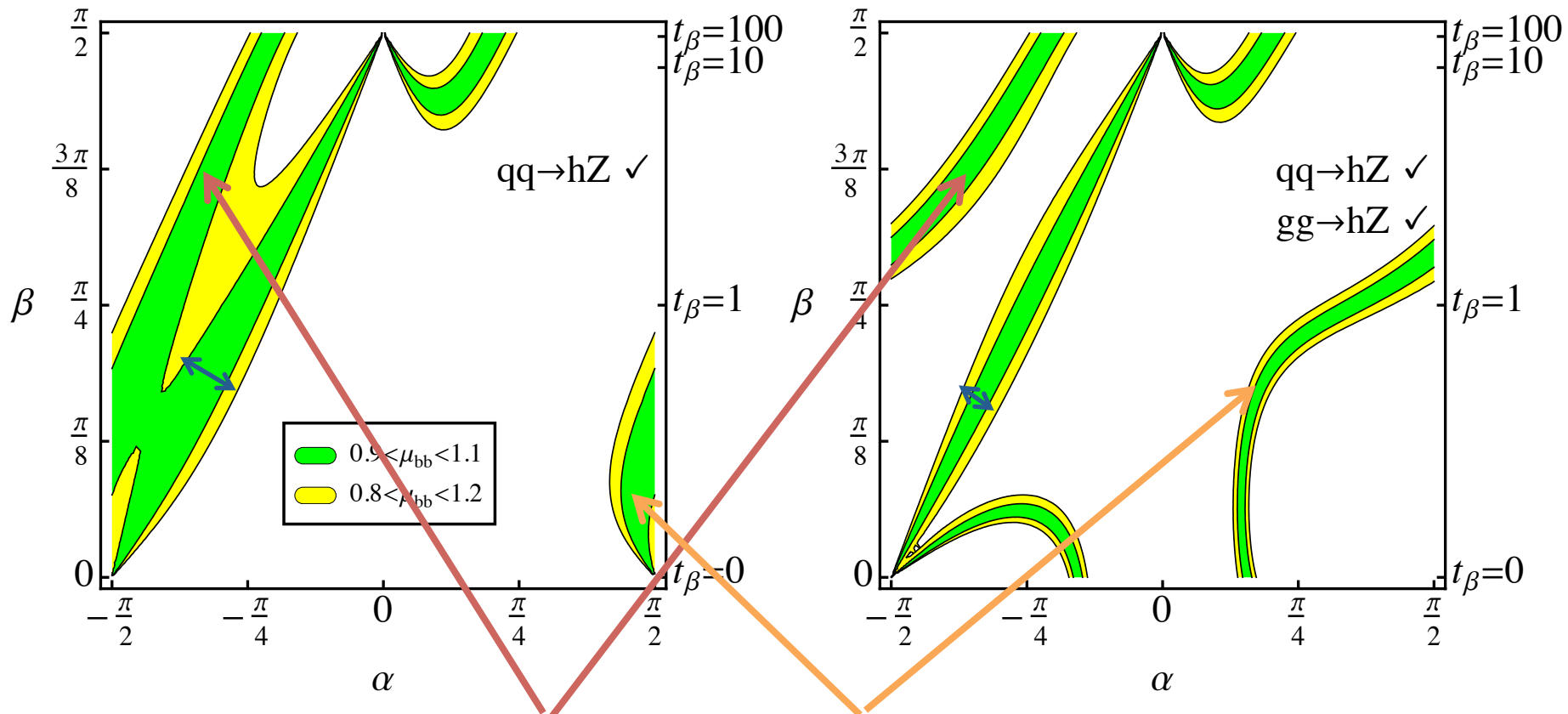
Naïve Rescaling



Full Result

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- Type II 2HDM Results:



Significant differences! Gluon fusion component clearly important!

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- Why the differences?
- Due to unitarity, typically $c_V \leq 1$
 - LO implies:

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow hZ) \leq \sigma_{\text{SM}}(pp \rightarrow hZ)$$

This is an artificial restriction due to LO assumption!

- With gluon fusion included there is no restriction, especially if C_t altered!
- SM box vs triangle cancellation spoiled if modified couplings giving large effects!

LHC Higgs Summary

- SM:
 - Higgs precision: revisiting NLO distributions may reveal interesting features
- BSM:
 - LO assumptions: Ok for discovery data, but may misinterpret or overlook BSM Higgs signals in future data!
 - Precision **BSM will require NLO** calculations
 - Demonstrated here in boosted 2HDM

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